

## GET CREDIT FOR WHAT YOU KNOW

Let your past meet your future! Depending on your prior learning, work, or life experiences, you could greatly reduce the number of courses needed to earn your degree or accelerate your path to a degree, saving time and money. Contact the Learning & Advising Center, located in Jalbert Hall, (207) 755-5380, to find out if you're eligible for academic credit based on what you already know.

### Transfer

- I attended another college before CMCC and earned C's or higher.
- In addition to CMCC, I'm attending classes at another college.

Contact the Registrar's Office at (207) 755-5292 for more information about transferring credit from other colleges.

### Proficiency Credit

- I have attended work-related trainings such as computer workshops or interpersonal skills trainings.
- I have taken some exams so that I could get a certification or a license in my field.
- I have earned certifications that keep me up-to-date in my job and have helped me to get promotions.
- I have participated in corporate training programs.
- I am a Registered Apprentice.

Visit the Credit for Prior Learning page at [www.cmcc.edu](http://www.cmcc.edu), to view a [list of pre-qualified certifications/licenses](#). Contact the Learning & Advising Center at (207) 755-5380 for more information.

### National Exams

- I have studied on my own by reading and practicing new skills in very specific areas, such as psychology, Spanish, etc.
- I have taken classes and workshops in subject areas such as government, history, or computers.
- I have taken some open online courses on specialized subjects and learned a great deal.
- I do well on tests if given proper preparation.
- There are a few college courses I don't think I need to take because I already know the material.

If you've checked a few of these, a national exam such as CLEP or DSST may be a good option for you. For a list of exams offered, and how to register for a CLEP or DSST, contact [CM's Center for Testing & Assessment](#) at (207) 755-5450 or online at [www.cmcc.edu](http://www.cmcc.edu).

### Military Review

- I took correspondence courses through U.S. Armed Forces Institute, the Community College of the Air Force or Air University.
- I have certifications for trainings I completed while in the military.

If you've selected any of these options, you may already have earned college credit. Contact the Registrar's Office at (207) 755-5292. Request a [Joint Services Transcript](#) for evaluation.

### High School, Tech Centers, Adult Education

- I took Advanced Placement (AP) exams or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams at my high school.
- I participated in Early College for ME at my high school.
- I participated in On Course classes for college credit.
- I took college courses while I was in high school.
- I took vocational classes at a Tech Center or at my school.
- I participated in a College Transitions course through an Adult Education program.

If you've checked some of these, you may already have earned college credit. For more information, contact the Admissions Office at (207) 755-5273.

### Challenge Exam

- I am in a degree program and am taking classes, but I am required to take one or two CMCC classes in my major that I could 'test out of' or challenge because I already know the material.
- I do not know which degree I'm going to get, but there are some general education CMCC classes offered that I definitely would not need to take because I already know the material.
- I have looked at the requirements for a specific class and I know I could pass it successfully (C or better) with what I already know.

If you've checked some of these, you may do very well in a Challenge Examination. For more information, check the [CM Catalog](#) or speak with your Department Chairperson.

### Portfolio Review

- I have worked as a professional in my field for at least three to five years.
- I have learned many different things during my many years of working and involvement in the community.
- I have taught others what I know or coached colleagues.
- I perform as well as other people who have college degrees.
- I have knowledge in my field that is quite extensive in certain areas.

If you've checked several of these, the portfolio option might be a good option for you. Contact your degree program Department Chairperson for more information.